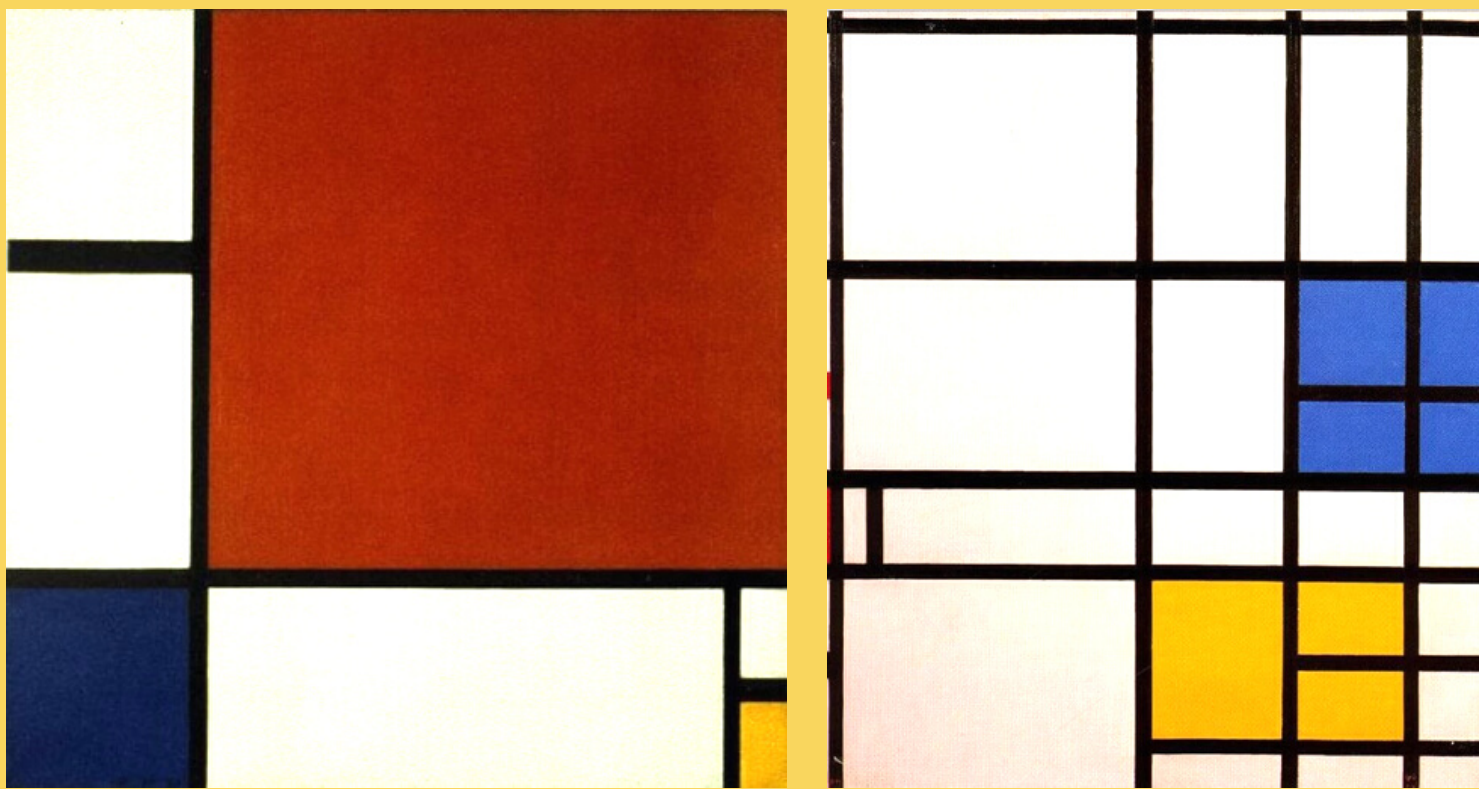


ART COMPOSITION

WITH

**PIET
MONDRIAN**



ABOUT PIET MONDRIAN

- Piet Mondrian was born in March 1872 in Amersfoort, Netherlands.
- He was a pioneer of abstract art. His style influenced many 20th century art movements such as Color Field painting, Abstract Expressionism and Minimalism.
- He started his art career painting in the impressionist style before developing a new style he called Neo-Plasticism. This style restricted his artwork to the three primary colors of red, blue and yellow and only horizontal and vertical lines.
- In 1911 he moved from the Netherlands to Paris and that is where his art career really took off.
- In 1940 he moved to the US where he had a studio until his death in 1944. He had his first solo art show in 1942.
- Mondrian's artwork inspired many later artists. His influence can be seen in everything from furniture to fashion.

ABOUT ART COMPOSITION

- Composition is the arrangement of elements within a work of art.
- There are many techniques to achieve a sense of unity in an artwork.
- Artwork is usually thought to be pleasing to the eye if it's elements are arranged in a compositional way.

SUPPLIES

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue

INSTRUCTIONS

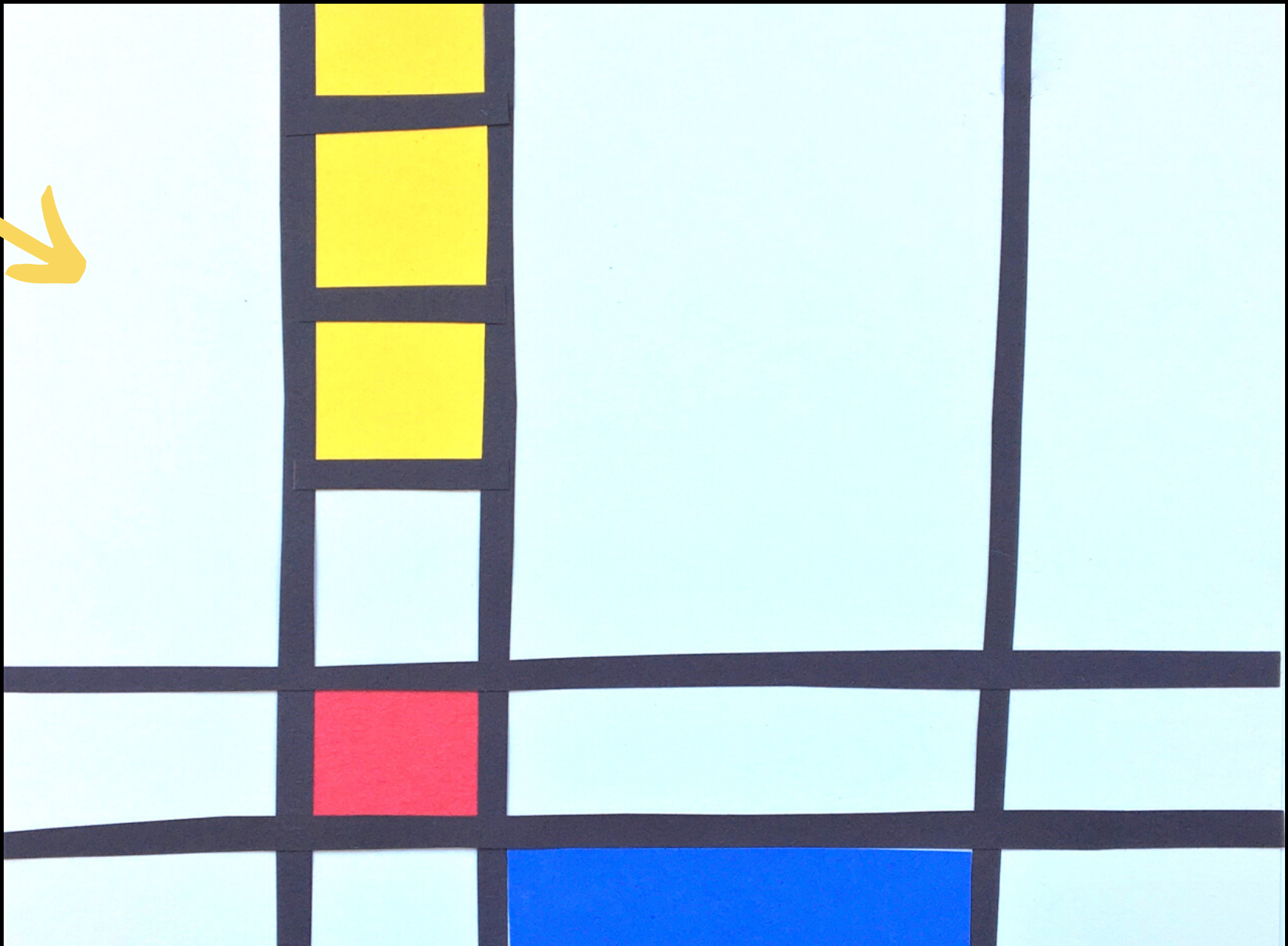
- Cut strips of black paper as well as squares of red, blue and yellow construction paper of varying sizes.
- Use the tips on creating composition below to arrange your strips and squares onto a piece of white paper.
- Glue the pieces of paper to the white construction paper.

ELEMENTS OF ART

COMPOSITION

RULE OF THIRDS

Use imaginary lines to divide the page in thirds. Place your focal point along those lines or at the intersection of lines.



L-ARRANGEMENT

The composition is arranged into a horizontal or vertical L.

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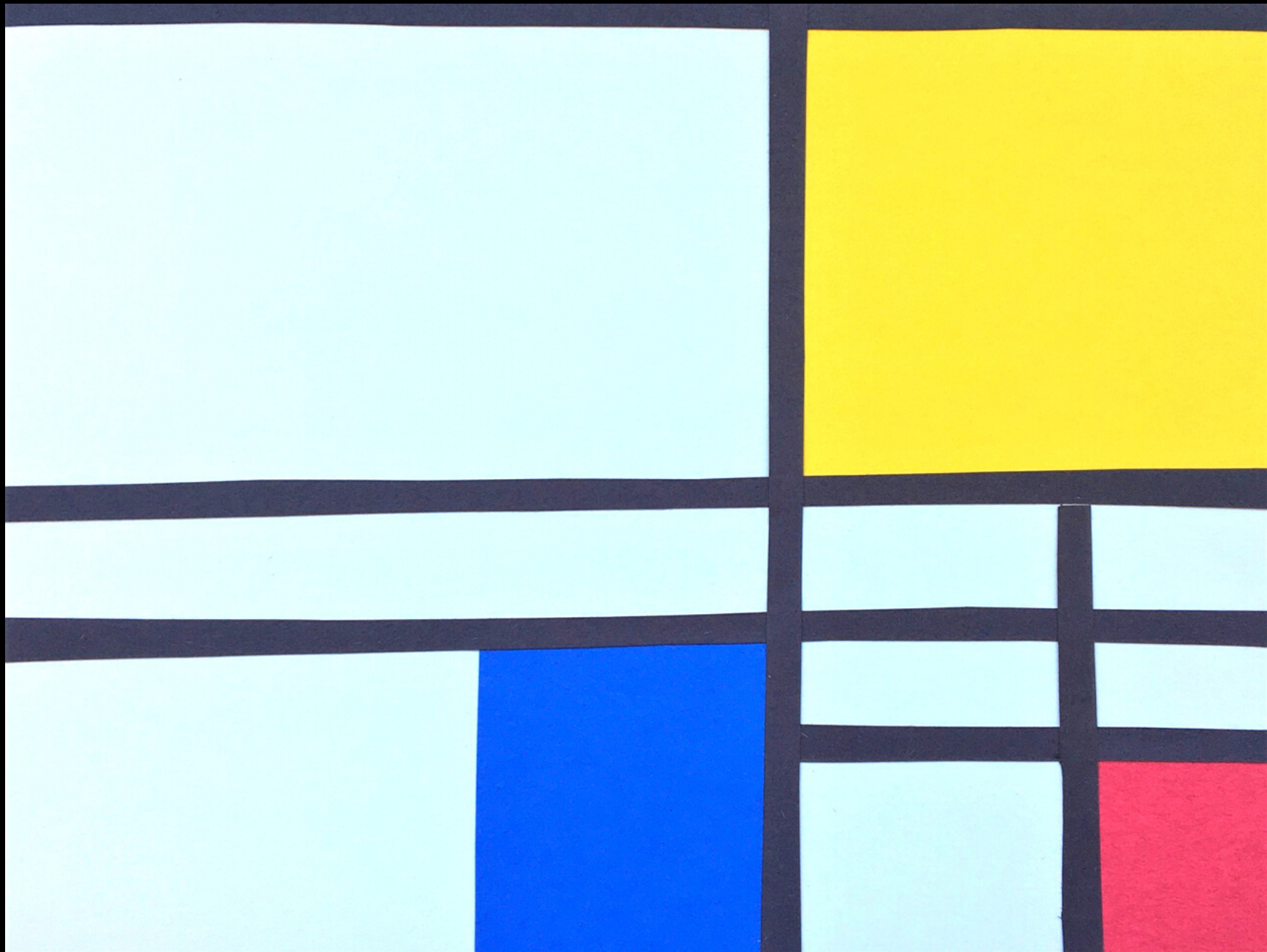
The elements go off the edge of the page.

ELEMENTS OF ART

COMPOSITION CONT.

FOCAL POINT

Create an area of focus.



RELATIONAL COMPOSITION

Fill the entire space.

OFF-CENTERING

Avoid placing objects in the center of the page.